SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA

In re:

RELEASE OF JUVENILE INFORMATION
Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827(a)

STANDING ORDER 2016-07

Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code §827(a) and <u>T.N.G. v. Superior Court</u>, 4 C3d 767, the Juvenile Court of Tehama County makes the following order:

- A. The Tehama County Probation Department and the Tehama County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services Division, (herein referred to as the "Departments") are authorized to release information in their files as well as communicate orally and in writing regarding persons who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, or with whom the Departments have otherwise had contact, to the following:
 - 1) The minor.
 - 2) The parents or legal guardians of the minor.
 - 3) The minor's attorney.
 - 4) All California District Attorney's Offices.
 - Any school system in which the minor is enrolled, or in which it appears that he/she may be enrolled in the near future, to the extent that such information directly relates to academic performance or ability, or any acts of violence or misbehavior while on any school campus or relating to any school activity.
 - 6) The State Department of Social Services, any California County Probation

Department, or any other public agency within California responsible for child welfare services.

- 7) All California Parole Offices.
- 8) California Highway Patrol officers involved in a child welfare investigation involving the minor child, the siblings of the minor child, or one or both of the parents or legal guardians of the aforementioned children.
- 9) All California Department of Corrections offices when used to facilitate parental contact and case planning.
- The Tehama County Court Mediator when such information is sought for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Court regarding child custody.
- Public and private nonprofit agencies that offer treatment and/or services for the minor child/ren and/or their families. The Departments are authorized to make appropriate referrals, and to provide such agencies with any documentation deemed necessary to obtain such treatment or services.
- 12) Any entity or individual who is actively providing mental health counseling, health care or drug and alcohol counseling to a parent or legal guardian of the minor, and who:
 - i. is specifically identified in a voluntary case plan signed by that parent or legal guardian; or
 - ii. is specifically identified in a case plan approved by the Juvenile Court.
- Any individual selected by a parent or legal guardian of the minor and approved by the Tehama County Department of Social Services (in cases arising under Welfare & Institutions Code §300 et seq.) or the Tehama County Probation Department (in cases arising under Welfare &

Institutions Code §600 et seq.) for the purpose of participation in collaborative case planning regarding the minor. Any such individual shall be required to sign a written agreement acknowledging that any information received from the Tehama County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services Division or the Tehama County Probation Department is confidential and may not be disclosed, except as permitted by Welfare & Institutions Code §827 or by the Court order.

- B. Any law enforcement agency of Tehama County, including, but not limited to, any city Police Department and the Tehama County Sheriff's Department, are authorized to release information in their files relating to persons coming under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court to:
 - 1) The Tehama County Probation Department.
 - 2) The Tehama County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services Division.
 - 3) Any Tehama County Multiple Agency Treatment Team, including any member thereof acting in their capacity as a member of said treatment team.

In addition to the foregoing order, any law enforcement agency, including the Probation Department, and Child Protective Services may release the name and address of a minor to the beneficiary of an order for restitution or judgment for damages issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, or their authorized representative, for the purposes of enforcing that order or judgment. Prior to any such release, the agency must secure a written request by the requesting party, including a copy of the order or judgment, which shall be kept on file by the releasing agency and must, thereafter, notify the minor by first class mail within five (5) days that such information has been released.

C. TESTIMONY BY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND PROBATION EMPLOYEES:

In any criminal proceeding, including a Parole, Probation, or Supervised Release hearing in which a minor is the alleged victim of a crime and a social worker employed by the Tehama County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services Division or a probation officer employed by the Tehama County Probation Department is subpoenaed to testify, that person may testify without a specific order of the Tehama County Juvenile Court under the following circumstances:

- 1) He or she deems it to be in the best interest of the minor, and;
- The division supervisor concurs that it would be in the best interest of the minor and authorizes the employee to be called as a witness.
- D. The Tehama County Probation Department and the Child Protective Services

 Division of the Tehama County Department of Social Services (herein referred to
 as the "Departments"), and the employees of the Departments, are authorized to
 voluntarily communicate orally and in writing with each other relating to persons
 who are or may be receiving services from the Departments for purposes relating
 to their official duties; and the Departments are further authorized to voluntarily
 release information in their files to each other relating to persons who are or may
 be receiving services from the Departments for such purposes.

E. GENERAL PROVISIONS

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 827, subdivision (a)(4), information disclosed hereunder may not be disseminated by the receiving agency to any persons or agencies, other than those persons or agencies otherwise authorized to receive documents pursuant to Section 827. Additionally, if a juvenile case file, or information relating to the content of the juvenile case file, is privileged or confidential pursuant to any other state law or federal law or regulation, the requirements of that state law or

federal law or regulation prohibiting or limiting release of the information shall prevail.

This order does not restrict the release of information which is otherwise authorized by law. Additionally, this order is for authorization only. The individual agencies retain authority to restrict access to confidential information, absent a specific court order.

Date

C. TODD BOTTKE

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

Date:

MATTHEW MCGLYNN

Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court